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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION  
OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated May 6, 2003, issued in connection with their above-identified patent application, for a period of Three (3) Months, from August 6, 2003 to November 6, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of Nine Hundred and Fifty (\$950) Dollars for the time extension to Deposit Account No. 09-0459 in the name of the International Business Machine Corporation. Calculation of the fee has been based on 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3).

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Respectfully submitted

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